

REMARKS

Upon entry of this response, claims 1, 4, 6-12, 17 and 18 are pending.

Restrictions Required

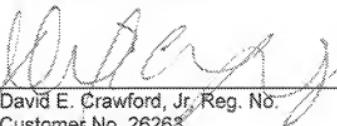
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, including Claims 1, 4, 6-12, 17 and 18 drawn to a magnetic tape apparatus, for prosecution on the merits.

Conclusion

As it is believed the application is in a condition for allowance, prompt and favorable consideration of this application or Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Applicant believes that there is no fee due at this time. However, any applicable fees can be deducted from Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,

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